

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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 MARTIN et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 2195  
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 Serial No.: 09/675,396 )  
 ) Examiner: TANG, KENNETH  
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 Filed: September 29, 2000 )  
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For: **METHOD OF REDUCING CONTENTION OF  
A HIGHLY CONTENDED LOCK  
PROTECTING MULTIPLE DATA ITEMS**

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 Commissioner for Patents  
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**Amendment in Response to Final Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the *final* Office Action dated September 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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